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RUTLAND NEWSLINER

*Engineer Elmer Drake (left) and Conductor Ellis Stone check
their orders at Malone, New York*



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Engineer Michael L. Reilly retired from the RUTLAND in 1956 after 46 years of service. In this photo he receives a hug from Anne Therese Foley, 2, who is held by her father John Foley. Reilly started work with the railroad in July 1909. He became an engineer in 1916. Mr. Reilly was born in Roscommon, Ireland, in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Reilly have two granddaughters, Mary Jane and Anne Therese Foley.

JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

					1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <small>Martin Luther King, Jr Day</small>	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Fifty years of railroading is commemorated by Conductor William P. Keefe (center) who receives his 50-year gold service pin award from General Manager S. M. Rodgers (left). Looking on is President Gardner A. Caverly. The Keefe brothers served the RUTLAND for 175 years. Conductor Alexander F. 55 years, Conductor Patrick J. 1st 40 years, and Enginehouse Foreman Michael F. 30 years.

FEBRUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 <small>Ash Wednesday</small>	11	12 <small>Lincoln's Birthday</small>	13
14 <small>Valentine's Day</small>	15 <small>President's Day</small>	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

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Punching out for lunch are (l to r) George Dubray, "Larry" Gleason, Rome White, and Charles Clark.

MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Savings Begins				St. Patrick's Day		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Palm Sunday					Good Friday	
27	28	29	30	31		
Easter						

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This photo shows the Passenger Shop employees in 1936. In 1953 five employees pictured above were still working for the RUTLAND. Nine were deceased and five were retired. Front Row (l to r): Clarence Raynes, Foreman; Frank Noyes, James Reynolds, James Myatt, Jack Maloney, and John Hitt. Second Row: Jack Carroll, Claude Cooke, Howard Jones, George Guyette, Edward Guyette, Fred Manning, William Murphy and Walter Barrett, Foreman. Back Row: Josie Bean, Mary Hope, Franklin Fuller, John Ackley, Albert Barker, Ben Parshley and Fred Kent.

APRIL 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					Passover	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

“HISTORICALLY SPEAKING” WED - 4PM; THUR - 1:30PM; FRI – 7:30PM



Retiring bowling league officers Susie Shaw, Treasurer (left) and Vi Terrill, secretary, polish the 1954 trophy

MAY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Force's Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

PAST VIDEO PROGRAMS CAN BE VIEWED ON SOCIETY WEB SITE



The Rutland Railroad baseball team around 1930 included: (l to r): First Row: Duke Rounds, John Kelly, John Landry, Len Hebert, Eddie Halpin; Second Row: Danny Walsh, George Costello, Ted Pitts, Chuck Edinger, Chet Rutkowski, Tang Harrington and William Navin. John Landry was manager and William Navin was coach.

JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Flag Day				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day						
26	27	28	29	30		

THERE ARE 600 RUTLAND TIDBITS ON THE SOCIETY WEB SITE

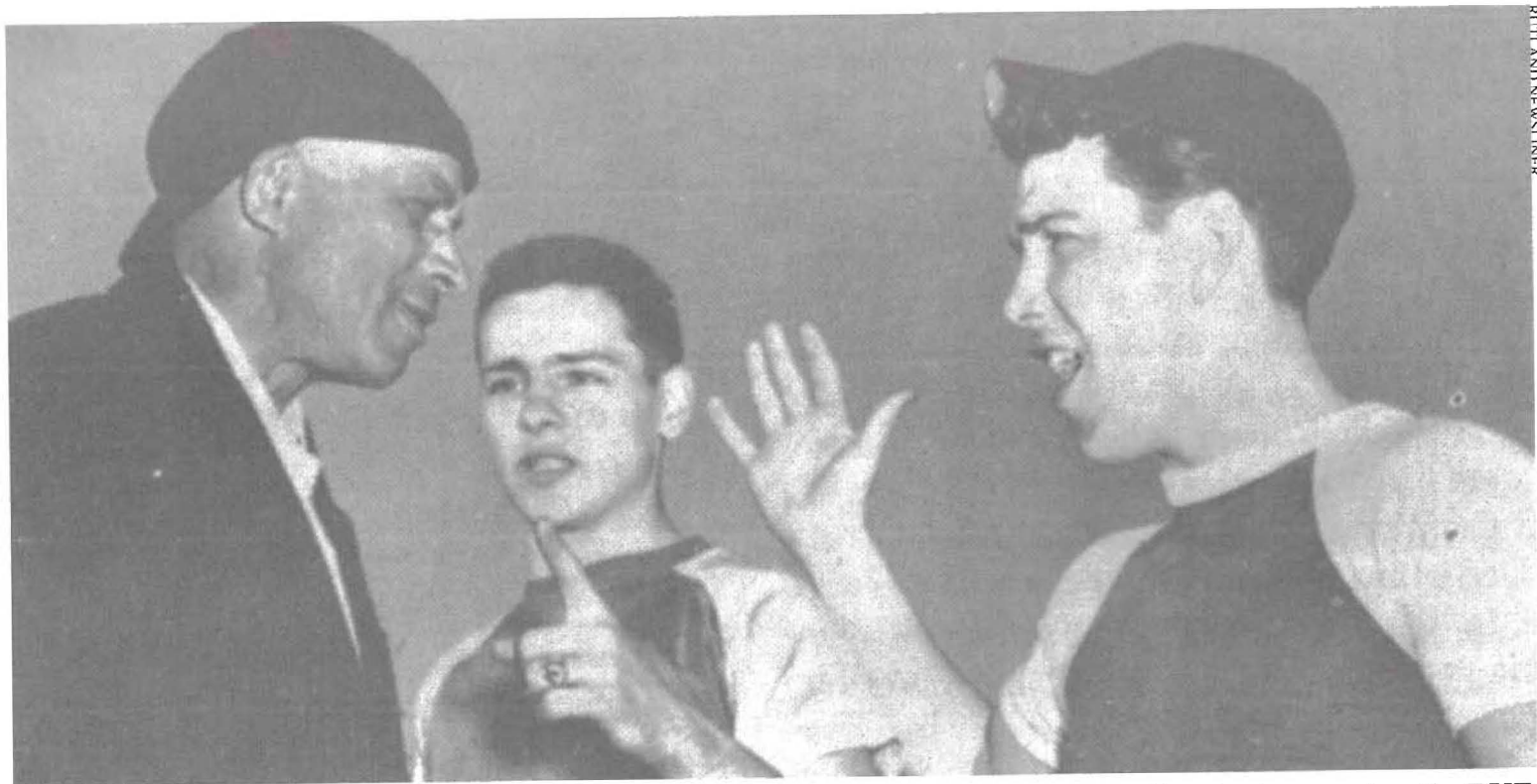


In 1953-1954 the RUTLAND's old Passenger Car Shop located off Evelyn Street was remodeled and converted into a new office facility bringing under one roof company offices that for decades had been housed in the Killington Bank Building. A parking lot for 75 cars was created on the site of the passenger car transfer table. The new office building was one of many conversions and demolitions in the old railyard that followed the demise of passenger service and the shift from steam locomotives to diesel. The final move into the company's new building took place on the weekend of 31 July 1954. The building today houses the headquarters of the Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC).

JULY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 <small>Independence Day</small>	5	6	7	8	9
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NO CABLE? VIEW PEGTV PROGRAMS ON YOUR COMPUTER



Following his own school days at the University of Vermont, Tony Dolphin (on the left), a janitor serving the RUTLAND, spent many years coaching, refereeing, and interesting himself in the welfare of the youth of the city. He was a favorite umpire for school, amateur, semi-pro, and professional baseball teams in the area. Here, with half a smile and a stiff upper lip, he engages in a heated discussion of his judgment.

AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Battle of Bennington Day	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

VISIT THE FARM MUSEUM AT THE RUTLAND FAIR



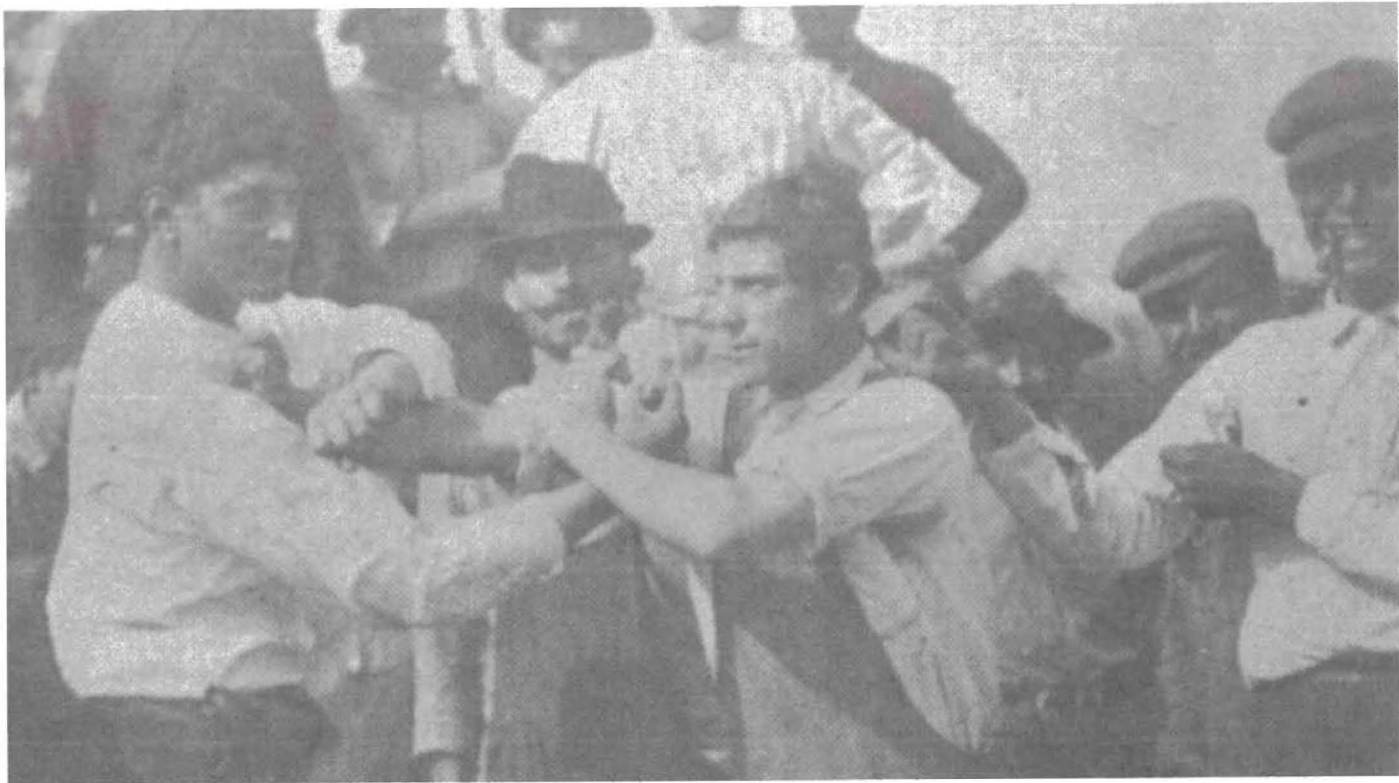
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Miss Rutland of 1955, Miss Carlene Johnson, visits the office of RUTLAND President Gardner A. Caverly and rings the bell from steam locomotive No. 74 which is on display there. A native of Rutland, Miss Johnson received national recognition earlier that year when she was awarded the title of Miss United States. Escorting her around the RUTLAND's head offices and railyard was no doubt one of the company executive's more enjoyable tasks.

SEPTEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 <small>Labor Day</small>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE FOR THE OCTOBER SALE?



In this 1909 photograph two employees of the RUTLAND release some of the tensions of the job by engaging in a bit of good-natured wrestling that attracts a gaggle of somewhat amused onlookers. The wrestler on the left is P.V. Perrott (retired foreman) while the other combatant is Ralph Esposito (retired section foreman). The referee is John Ottaviano. The photo exemplifies the youthful energy and high spirits of the young immigrants who found employment with the RUTLAND in that era.

OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Rosh Hashanah	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Columbus Day	11 Yom Kippur	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween					

OCTOBER IS SOCIETY ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MONTH



Rutland youngsters admire a diesel model made by Harley R. Davidson, son of Conductor Harold H. Davidson. Left to right the boys are Edward Bove, 6, nephew of Boilermaker and Mrs. Lawrence Mayo; Tommy Crosby, 6, son of Machinist Helper and Mrs. P. T. Crosby; William Kehoe, 6, son of Car Inspector and Mrs. James F. Kehoe, Jr.; Robert Murphy, 6, son of Carman and Mrs. John Murphy; and David Gleason, 5, son of Sheet Metal Worker and Mrs. Lawrence Gleason.

NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Ends	7	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28	29	30			

CAN YOU MAKE AN ADDITIONAL DONATION TO THE SOCIETY?



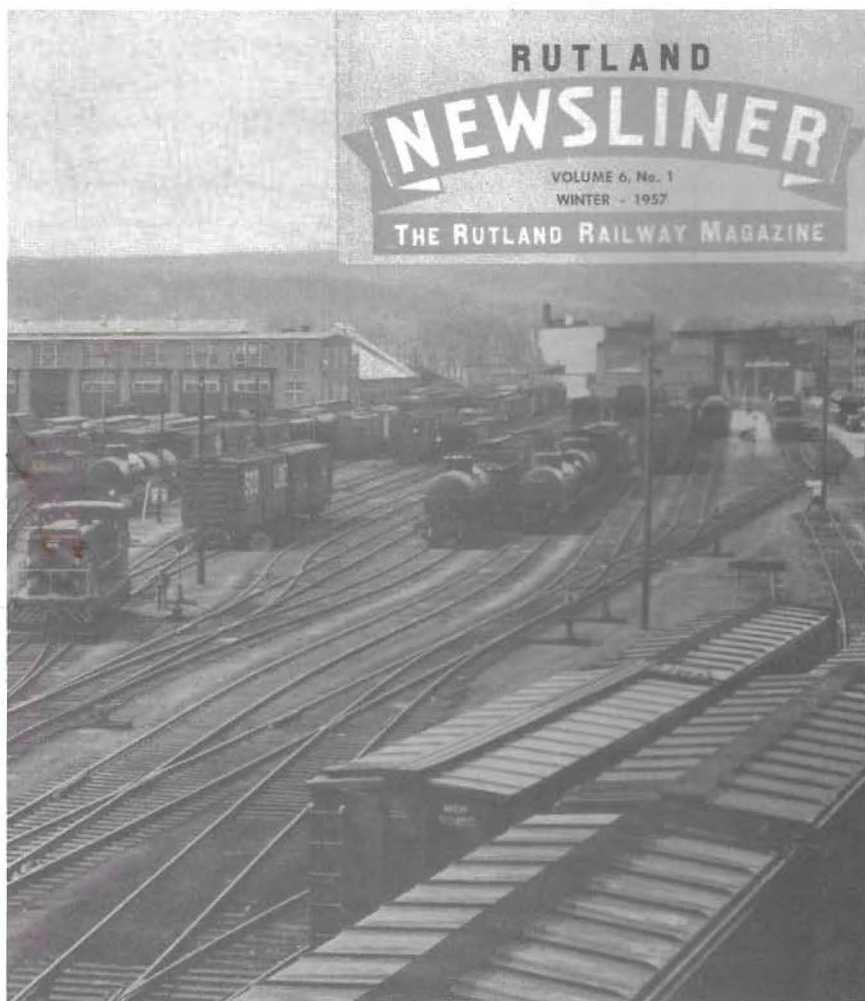
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Seven engineers who served the Rutland & Burlington Railroad are shown in this fall 1871 photo. Pictured left to right are (standing) Charles Brown, Major Ross and Martin Ross; and (seated) William Thrall, Leander Morton, Edwin Dodge and George Griswold.

DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 Hanukkah

THE SOCIETY HAS PUBLICATIONS & GIFT MEMBERSHIPS FOR SALE



The physical and economic power that the Rutland Railway once exerted in the City of Rutland is captured in this photograph from late 1956. With the discontinuance of passenger service in 1953, the sprawling yard, which had occupied the west side of Merchants Row for the better part of a century, was now given over entirely to freight traffic. Visible at the left rear is the company's new office building which had been converted from the then obsolescent passenger car repair shop. A diesel locomotive can be seen but none of the old steam engines, the last of which had been retired about five years previous.

The photo suggests a busy, prospering, enduring rail hub, but the sad truth was that the rise of alternate forms of freight transport had caused railroads nationally to struggle. Within a decade the RUTLAND was no more and the railyard which had been at its core had become a shopping center and vast parking lot.